



Saint Paul's Church,

Third St. below Walnut.



REV. S. H. BOYER, RECTOR.



LENT, A. D. 1876.

ASH - WEDNESDAY, March 1st:

Morning Service, at 10,30

Evening Service, at 7,45

SUNDAYS;

Morning Service, at 10,30

Evening Service, at 7,30

Sunday Schools at 9,00 A.M. and 2,30 P.M.

WEDNESDAYS:

Evening Service, at 7,45

FRIDAYS:

Litany Service and Bible Reading, at 4,00 P.M.

SATURDAYS:

Prayer Meeting, at, 7,30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY;

Morning Service, at 10,30

Litany Service, at, 4,00 P.M.

EASTER DAY;

Morning Service, at 10,30

Easter Service of Praise, at 7,30 P.M.

LORD'S SUPPER;

Third Sunday, March 19th, A.M.

Thursday Evening, April 13th, at 7,30

CONFIRMATION;

Visit of the Bishop, March 19th, at 7,30 P.M.

Meetings of the Class after Wednesday Evening Services.

THE Rector will be in the Bible Class Rooms immediately after each of the above Services also, to meet any persons who would like to talk with him in view of confirmation.

Subjects of Bible Reading.

March 3 "The Love of God."

" 10 "The Forgiveness of God."

" 17 "The Peace of God."

" 24 "The Indwelling Word."

" 31 "The Witness of the Spirit."

April 7 "The Shining Light."

" 15 "Crucified with Christ."

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LENTEN SERVICES---1880.

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| ASH WEDNESDAY, February 11th, | | 10.30 A.M. and 7.45 P.M. |
| SUNDAYS, | | 10.30 A.M. and 7.30 P.M. |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL, | | 9 A.M. |
| CHILDREN'S SERVICE, | | 1st Sunday in March, at 3 P.M. |
| [No Evening Service on that day.] | | |
| WEDNESDAYS, | | 7.45 P.M. |
| THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, | | 4.30 P.M. |
| GOOD FRIDAY, | | 10.30 A.M. and 4.30 P.M. |
| HOLY COMMUNION, 3d Sunday, Feb. 15th, | 10.30 A.M. | |
| “ “ Thursday Evening, March 25th, | 7.45 o'clock. | |
| CONFIRMATION, Evening of the 3d Sunday in Lent, February 29th. | | |
| BAPTISM, at any Service. | | |



AFTER any of the Services, the Rector will be glad to see persons desiring Religious Counsel or Confirmation, or he will call on any expressing a desire to see him at their homes.

Confirmation Class

Will meet on WEDNESDAY EVENING, immediately after Service, in the Bible Class Room.



THE Rector affectionately urges a diligent improvement of these Lenten Services by the members of the Sunday School Classes as well as the older members of the Church, and cordially invites any others residing in the neighborhood who may be disposed to attend.



Order of Services.



Ash Wednesday.

Feb. 18th,

Service.....10.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Sundays.

Services.....10.30 a.m. and 3.45 p.m.

Sunday School2.30 p.m.

Week Days.

Wednesdays and Fridays4.00 p.m.

Good Friday10.30 a.m., 4.00 p.m.

Holy Communion.

Third Sunday in March.....10.30 a.m.

Thursday before Easter.....7.45 p.m.

Holy Week.

Daily Evening Prayer4.00 p.m.

Easter Day.

Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.....10.30 a.m.

Children's Service.....2.30 p.m.

* Lent *



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WM. S. ADAMSON, Rector.



*Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place
and rest awhile."*



Behold the Lamb of God.

*"Thou art a gentle and most loving Lamb,
Wounded to give us balm ;
And still wherever sin doth reign,
Thou day by day art slain.
When will man cease to give Thee pain?"*

Our Desire.

THE thoughts of these pages, handed you in connection with the announcement of our Lenten Services, are merely suggestive of some of the principles underlying the proper observance of the Lenten season. It is to be hoped you will try to follow the suggestions and bring out the completeness of each thought in your meditations and life. That they may be to you brief pastorals from your rector, that shall lead you toward the cross on Calvary, with a truer sense of your position as a sinner, and with a warmer love for Him who died to save you, and with a life brought nearer to God, and more alive to holy affections, is our sincere desire.

Our Invitation.

WE can not forget that our Blessed Master withdrew from the busy thoroughfares of the world and spent forty days in communion with God, amid fasting and prayer. It was thus He strengthened His humanity to resist successfully the severe temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil which followed, and secured the ministration of angels.

HE is our Example. These three temptations ever assail us; and if we would successfully resist enticements to evil, we must walk in His footsteps—we must withdraw, as far as possible, from the busy world about us, that we may commune with God. This oft-failing humanity of ours needs strength. Where better can we receive it than in a hearty use of meditation and prayer, of abstinence and self-denial, of the Word of God and the House of God? Into this blessed retreat, laden with so many blessings to each human soul, the Church most affectionately invites us, and asks us to travel together its sacred walks and gather some of the blessed fruits of a higher life.

What is Lent?

It is a spiritual spring time when a deep, full plowing into the consciences of the people—when a generous sowing of the Word of God—will later on bring forth a rich harvest of souls sanctified and made like unto the Son of God, and of deeds holy and good like His.

It is a time when a man puts his soul on trial, examines rigorously its motives and doings, judges it by what God requires, and sees where it stands in its progress heavenward.

It is a time when we enter, as it were, a cloud which hides the world and its vanities from view, that in communion with God we may learn how best to resist the every-day temptations which waylay us from birth to death.

It is a time when the repentant soul, like the prodigal son, arises and goes to its Father and says: "I have sinned," and feels the joy of forgiveness in His loving embrace and kiss.

It is a time of spiritual refreshment for honest souls seeking God.

Avoid Shams.

Avoid making a sham of this blessed season. We are liable to think that more frequent services, more penitential devotions and abstinence from certain kinds of food, sum up the duties of Lent. This is not the case, unless the outward attitudes of devotion express a purpose of the heart to lead a holier life. "Offer no more vain oblations" was spoken to a people full of devotion that had no heart in it. We want the heart in the occupations of Lent—we want its spirit as well as its letter. We want its heart-searchings, its repentances, its good resolutions, its earnest desire to live more for God and less for the world. This alone can give life to every service and earnestness in all devotion.

"But not in tears and fast alone,

Let penitence appear

By holier life and love be shown

That penitence sincere."

"My Soul, be on Thy Guard."

"My soul, in thy daily endeavors after holiness and purity, how dost thou find that the difficulty lies, for the most part, in small things? When thou hast conquered thy worst passions, thy most evil propensities, one unbridled thought, one hasty word, will force in and destroy for the time the work that thou hast hoped was going on well in thee. Be not discouraged; thou must be contented to work on; and even if it appear to thee that thou makest no progress, still go on, especially bearing in mind that in affairs of the soul no fault is little, no sin is small."

"Fight on, my soul, till death."

Lenten Reading.

To enlarge one's sphere of knowledge concerning Divine Truth, during this season, one should take up a course of reading upon religious topics. Your rector will gladly suggest subjects, and each Church Publisher issues a list of books suitable for the season.

Suppose six persons form a reading circle, each purchase one volume and loan it to the other five. This would give each one a book each week, securing the benefit of six at the cost of one. This plan adopted would also give food for conversation among the members of the circle. In our parish several such circles might be formed, each composed of intimate friends.

Concentrate Your Forces.

"A few things well done are better than many things poorly done." This is wonderfully true in the Christian life. Each one of us has many faults. It would be well if we could correct them all during this season of penitence and prayer. Likewise, each one can think of many virtues it would be valuable to cultivate during this time of spiritual growth. But Lent is too short for so great a task. Better is it for us to select some one fault to correct, and some one virtue to cultivate, and make the work thorough. Bring all the powers of God's help to your assistance, to completely conquer some one besetting sin, and thoroughly implant in your life some most needed virtue. It is the aimlessness of trying to do too many good things that results in so little actual good secured. It is the attempt to conquer all the enemy's camps at once that weakens your attack upon each satanic stronghold.

Concentrate, then, your forces, and enjoy the pleasures of victory after victory, but only one at a time.

Break That Habit.

What habit? That *you* must designate. A careful examination of your life will reveal habits of life or thought that imperil your soul. Like all habits, they have grown upon you stealthily, unnoticed, uninvited. Yet they are there, binding the soul with sinful chains. Their power must be broken; and this season is the time to do it. Wherever they are drawing you away from God, draw near again with more earnest consecration of life to His service. If they lead you to think less of God, think more of Him in these meditative days. If they have caused you to fold your hands in idleness in the work of God, work harder than ever in His vineyard. Thus can you break the power of any habit that you have formed in hours when you yielded to the sin that does so easily beset you.

Undertake Some Definite Work.

It is the experience of Christian people that the taking upon one's self of some definite Christian work—the becoming responsible for the success of some one department of Christian activity—knits the life very closely to Christ, greatly increasing our love for Him, and gives a satisfaction to the soul beyond the power of words to express.

THIS is only natural, for it is the realization in the Christian heart of the true spirit of love that longs to do something, and to tread in the footsteps of our Blessed Master.

There is plenty of work to do, and your rector can suggest some suitable direction for your energies. The opportunity is open to all—to young and old—to rich and poor—to those who possess but one talent as well as to those who possess the five.

LEARN to care for some definite work for your blessed Lord during this Lenten season, that in the future this satisfaction may be yours.

Helpful Suggestions.

1. Be present, as far as possible, at all services in the Church.
2. Read every day some portion of the Holy Gospel, and add to your usual devotions some special prayers.
3. Let no day pass without some act of self-denial, and if possible, let this act be to the comfort of a poor or sick person.
4. Let self-examination be a daily duty, before rest at night.
5. Deny yourself some luxury, often, and let the cost of it be added to your Easter Offering. The cost of self-denial should be given, not saved.
6. Refrain from parties and places of amusement.
7. Let your reading be such as to aid you in keeping the Holy season.
8. Give more time and care to daily private prayer.
9. Receive the Holy Communion as often as it is administered.
10. Forgive, and seek reconciliation, if any are at variance with you.

Perfect Through Suffering.

“Jesus has many lovers of His Heavenly Kingdom, but few bearers of His Cross.

He hath many desirous of consolation, but few of tribulation. All desire to rejoice with Him, few are willing to endure anything for Him or with Him.

But they who love Jesus for the sake of Jesus, and not for some special comfort of their own, bless Him in all tribulation and anguish of heart as well as in the state of highest comfort.”—*Thomas A. Kempis.*

‘Perfect through sufferings:’ may it be,

SAVIOUR, made perfect; thus, for me!

I bow, I kiss, I bless the rod,

That brings me nearer to my God.

‘Perfect through sufferings;’ be Thy cross

The crucible to purge my dross!

Welcome for that, its pangs, its scorns,

Its scourge, its nails, its crown of thorns.

When Lent is Over, What Then?

The person who takes a course of instruction in voice culture expects to be able to sing better in the future, after the instruction is past. So, too, the person who takes a course of instruction in Christian living and duty during the forty days of Lent will not be content to lay aside all his increased knowledge when the season is past, but will rather live better, and perform Christian duties better in the future. Why? Because he knows more of life and duty.

This illustrates the true character of Lent, as it gives us a better idea of the daily Christian life, and shows us what we are capable of doing every day of the year. It develops by exercise our spiritual powers; it draws out our true self that our character may be nearer perfect, and shine forth more beautifully every day to the honor of our God.

Sons of God, Arise.

Up and be doing—sons of God—arise!

Proclaim your glorious birthright by your deeds,
Let the world learn from children of the skies

How faith can triumph, when the Saviour leads.

Remember Olivet—its tears of blood,

The judgment hall—its buffeting and scorn,
And the mild meekness of thine injured God,
His robe of insult, and His crown of thorn.

Remember Calvary—its dying groan,

Its dying prayers and sacrifice for man,
Its sufferings His—its sins, its cause, thine own;

Then turn to sloth and slumber if you can;
Sleep! and forget the hope, the heaven that lies
Beyond earth's conflicts?—Sons of God, arise!

—J. S. B. M.